(Sri K. PUTTASWAMY)

(*d*) how many bills of Sri Ganesh Electric Stores have been passed since 1942 and paid to its creditors (details of the date of presentation and the amounts of the bills so passed may be given) ;

(*e*) If there was any delay in passing the bills, the reason for such a delay ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Agriculture).—

(*a*) No.

(*b*) Rs. 30,000 in accordance with the orders of the High Court in Regular Appeal No. 246-1951-52.

(*c*) Yes.

(*d*)—

	Date of presentation	*Amount of the Bills.* Rs.	a.	p.
	13-6-1947 ...	713	4	0
1	1950 ...	12,896	2	0
2	1-11-1946 ...	1,590	4	0
3	May 1949 ...	493	9	6
4	July 1949 ...			
5	July 1949 ...			
6	May 1949 ...	844	0	6
	July 1949 ...			
	March 1949 ...			
	June 1952 ...	2,157	12	0

	Date of presentation	*Amount of the Bills.* Rs.	a.	p.
7	September 1952...	210	12	6
8	June 1953 ...	991	8	0
9	November 1953 ...	86	10	0
10	June 1949 ...	481	14	9
11	26-11-1953 ...	1,324	12	0
12	5-7-1952 ...	6,018	8	9
13	3-11-1952 ...	147	0	0
14	22-11-1953 ...	446	14	0
15	3-11-1952 ...	147	0	0
16	30-11.1953 ...	1,450	0	0

(*e*) Nine duplicate bills are pending in the office of the Superintendent, Power and Lighting, Bhadravathi, relating to claims of 8 to 10 years old for want of material for verification of validity.

Four bills pending in the office of the Superintendent, Power and Lighting, Mysore, awaiting sanction to the estimates.

Regulated Markets

Q.—437. Sri T. G. THIMMEGOWDA (Tiptur).—

Will the Government be pleased to state:—

(*a*) the places where there are Regulated Markets in the State ;

(*b*) (i) the reason for not giving effect to the Mysore Marketing Act in Bellary District ;

(ii) whether it is not desirable in the interest of the administration that there should be uniform legislation in force throughout the State ;

(iii) if so, when the uniform legislation to Bellary and other parts of the State will be enforced ;

(*c*) (i) whether it is true that they had appointed a committee previously to make suitable recommendations for efficient working of the Regulated Markets ;

(ii) what are the recommendations contained in the Report submitted by that Committee ;

(iii) whether they have taken any action in this behalf and when the said Report will be published ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Agriculture).—

(*a*) Mysore, Chitaldrug, Davangere, Tumkur, Tiptur, Arsikere, Shimoga. Saklespur, Bellary and Chintamani.

(*b*) (i) This question is under the consideration of Government.

(ii) Yes.

(iii) Does not arise in view of reply to Question (*b*) (i).

(c) (i) Yes.

(ii) The main recommendations of the Committee are mentioned in the statement appended.

(iii) Action has been taken on some of the important recommendations of the Committee. The question of publishing the report will be examined.

The main recommendations of the Regulated Markets Enquiry Committee are the following :—

(1) The Market Committee should have 16 members and the producers should have an absolute majority on the Committee.

(2) There is no need for a Vice-Chairman to the Committee.

(3) Section 4 of the Markets Act should be amended suitably to provide for extending the Markets Act to additional agricultural commodities without consulting the local bodies.

(4) Section 3 of the Markets Act defining "Agricultural Produce" should also be suitably amended so as to include live-stock also.

(5) Only Commission, Hamali, weighing, measuring and storing charges should be levied but not any other charges and these charges should be collected from sellers only and not from both the sellers and buyers. No Commission should be allowed to the purchaser if the produce is purchased by him from the seller direct, *i.e.*, without the mediation of any commission agent.

(6) Necessary provision should be made in the Act for the levy of maximum Market fee of 4 annas per cent on all agricultural produce for which the Market is established as soon as the same enters the Market even if it passes through the Market or is exported either by rail or lorry or bullock cart or otherwise and also for authorising the Chief Marketing Officer to fix up the fees within this maximum according to the needs of each Market.

(7) Open auction system is the best method of sale and should be adopted by all the Regulated Markets in the State.

(8) The Mysore Weights and Measures Act, 1902 is defective in many respects and as such, it should be suitably amended.

(9) Suitable legislation should be enacted immediately for introducing compulsory grading of agricultural produce.

(10) A Central Market Fund should be set up by taking up to 20 per cent of the total income of each market committee in the State after making necessary provision in the Act and Rules for the purpose. This fund may be spent towards initial expenses for the establishment of Regulated Markets wherever possible and also for providing necessary training to the staff concerned with Regulated Markets and for such other purposes as might be defined from time to time.

Electric power (Supply to Hulikere, Sakrepatna Hobli.)

Q.—668. Sri G. PUTTASWAMY (Chikmagalur—Mudigere—Scheduled Castes).—

Will the Government be pleased to state :—

(a) whether Hulikere, Sakrepatna hobli has been included in the estimates prepared for providing electricity from Sakrepatna to Pillenahalli ;

(b) if not, the reason for the same ;

(c) whether they consider the necessity for including Hulikere village which is very near to Pillenahalli while sanctioning the estimate from Sakrepatna to Pillenahalli ?

A.—Sri H. M. CHANNABASAPPA (Minister for Revenue and Agriculture).—

(a) No.

(b) The inclusion of Hulikere in the Pillenahalli Electrifiction Scheme brings down the revenue return of the Scheme to less than the prescribed minimum, *viz.*, 7·5 per cent.